## FIGHTING AT MOOI BIVER

#### An Ineffective Artillery Duel Between Boers and British.

General Joubert Reported Below Estcourt With Seven Thousand Men. The Scene of Battle Only Fifty-five Miles North of Pietermaritzburg. Ludysmith Suffering for Pure Water and Fever Rife In the City-Fire of the Besiegers Slackened-Sheek. man Invaders Commandeering the People at Naauwpoort-Free State Troops Repulse English Lancers.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Nov. 23 .- An artillery duel occurred at the Mooi River this morning. It is reported that there are 7,000 Boers below Estcourt with General Joubert in command.

The Mool River Railroad station where the artillery duel took place is only fiftyfive miles north of here and 125 miles north

The firing soon ceased, the British shells falling short. There were no casualties re-

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 22 .- 8:40 a. m .- The censorship at Naauwpoort allowed a despatch to be sent through last night saying that the threatened Boer attack had not yet begun. The patrols have arrested a number of disloyal Dutchmen, including Nichols Van Rensberg, a prominent Arundel farmer, who complained that the patrols were camping on his farm without his permission. The Sheekman invaders at Nasuwpoort are commandeering the people there. A copy of one of the letters reads as follows:

"In the name of the Orange Free State you are requested to be at the Hoofdlanger Colesburg, November 21, with a horse, saddle and bridle, rifle, fifty rounds of ammu nition, and seven days' provisions."

The letters are signed by the various colony field cornets who claim they are not invaders. This is regarded as another piece of Boer cunning.

A copy of the "Friend of State," of Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, of date of November 13, has been received here. It contains a special despatch from Hoofdlanger, dated November 11, which says General Joubert has declined the Afrikander offers of assistance until the two republics have definitely annexed the northern districts of Natal

Other news in the "Friend of State" is that General Joubert had been slightly indisposed, but was all right again. General White had written a letter to General Joubert thanking him for sending back 150 non-combatants, who were captured at the Dundee fight, but did not make any acknowledgment for the 500 coolies who were sent back at the same time.

The "Friend of State" hears that a body of Lancers endeavored to charge a body of Free State troops outside of Ladysmith a few days ago. "They rode up to within 500 yards," says the Free State paper, when our men charged with their deadly Mausers. The Free State men shot down the cavalry who retired badly cut up."

The Cape Town merchants are preparing to give the Canadian contingent a great reception on its arrival Saturday. The mayor has decided on a public reception and his property. the people are decorating their houses.

Refugees from Queenstown who arrived at Cape Town yesterday say the commandeering by Boers of Dutch and British near Aliwal North still continues. The Dutch at Molteno asked the commandant at Burghersdorp not to invade that place. Mrs. Pressly, wife of Molteno's school intor, died of shock last Monday on hearing a false report that her husband and sons had been commandeered.

LONDON, Nov. 23 .- A despatch to the "Pall Mall Gazette" from Mafeking, dated Monday says: "The Boers continue shelling, though their fire has slackened in the last few days, and their riflemen are in-We are suffering from want of pure water, and fever is rife." The transports Pavonia and Cephalonia

have arrived at Durban.

### ALLEGED PEACE ENVOYS.

Delegates Said to Be From Kruger Leave for Cape Town. CAPE TOWN, Nov. 22.- The "Cape Argus" states that Judge Gregorowski and

several other prominent Transvaal Boers have embarked at Delagoa Bay and started in the direction of Cape Town, They are said to be a deputation sent by President Kruger. The object of their visit

Is unknown, but it is believed they will make proposals for peace.

### SYMPATHY FROM MUSSULMANS.

A Delegation Visits the British Ambassador at Constantinople CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23 .- A deputation of Mussulmans has visited Right Hon, Sir N. O'Conor, the British Ambassafor, and expressed on behalf of their co-

### religionists sympathy with Great Britain in the present war. CREDITORS OF AN EARL.

They Adjourn Bankruptcy Proceed

ings Because of His Absence. LONDON, Nov. 23.-The meeting of the creditors of the Earl of Yarmouth, which was to have been held in the bankrupter court today, was adjourned for three weeks owing to the absence of the Earl, who is with a theatrical company in the

### AN UPRISING IN GAZALAND.

Portugal Sends a Force to Repres Disorderly Natives.

LOURENCO MARQUES, Nov. 23 .- A Portuguese force has gone to Gazaland, otherwise known as Melsetter, about 125 miles sast of Victoria, where the natives are reported to be defiant. Re-enforcements are expected from Lisbon within two weeks

### Cartooning the British.

PARIS, Nov. 23.-The comic paper "Le Rire" has issued an edition entirely devoted to the English, whom it bitterly caricatures. The number has made a great sensation in Paris. Copies of it are almost unprocurable, even at high prices.

\$4.50 To Philadelphia and \$4.50 Tickets on sale and good going Thursday, Nonber 23, good to return within ten days, include admission to Expert Exposition grounds. Last

Frank Libbey & Co. still lowest on lumber—the' others higher. Call at 6th N. Y. ave.

### SCHLEY'S SAILING ORDERS.

The Rear Admiral Not to Go to South Africa.

The orders recently issued to Rear Admiral Schley by Secretary Long regarding the movements of the South Atlantic Squadron have been made public and confirm the report circulated several days ago that Admiral Schley will not be permitted to visit South African waters. Instead he is ordered to proceed by the shortest route to Rio Janeiro and thence to the South Atlantic station. It is said that these orders are unusual, in view of the fact that the admiral expressed the desire to go to Africa. The friends of Admiral Schley assert that the Administration fears that a popular demonstration from the English, which it is said would be sure to follow his ap-pearance in African waters would create too favorable an impression of the admiral at

Secretary Long in explanation today said that the orders issued were not unusual and that the department had no intention of Ignoring Admiral Schley's wishes, but after consulting with the State Department he had decided that it would be unwise at present to send an American fleet to South Africa, as its presence might be construed as practically supporting the English. Secretary Long further stated that there was yet a possibility of Admiral Schley's squadron wintering in African waters. If the department so decided, he said, orders would be sent to him at Rio. From the tone of the Secretary, however, it is thought that Schley will not go to South

### WRECKED BY TORNADOES.

Towns in Arkansas Suffer From Fu-FORT SMITH, Ark., Nov. 23 .- A telephone message from Paris, Logan county reports the town of Magazine destroyed by a tornado last night. Magazine is on the

miles east of Fort Smith. All efforts to reach Magazine by wire today falled. Booneville, ten miles from Magazine, suffered a severe storm which wrecked several houses and killed a number of cattle.

New Choctaw and Memphis road, sixty

#### ENGLISH VICTORY IN EGYPT. olonel Wingate Defeats the Force of Ahmedfedi.

CAIRO, Nov. 23,-Colonel Wingate, with an Egyptian force has defeated Ahmedfedl with 2,500 followers at Abu Aadil. Four hundred of the enemy were killed.

#### A RUSSIAN COURT SCANDAL. The Minister of Finance Said to Hav

Attempted Suicide. BERLIN, Nov. 23.-The "Deutsche Zei-

tung" publishes a despatch from St. Petersburg, which says that M. De Witt, the Russian Minister of Finance, is reported to have made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide on the account tof the charge that he was guilty of illegal trans-

actions on the Bourse,

The Czar has instructed Count Murovieff,
the Minister of Justice, to prosecute M. De
Witt upon this charge. The accused minster's wife sought an audience with the Czar, but it was refused her.

### STATUS OF A SOLDIER.

reditors' Suits Quashed by West Virginia Courts.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Nov. 23,ast year, while Lieut, C. E. Vance, of the Vance Hardware Company, of Clarksburg, was in the First West Virginia Volunteers. ome of his creditors, treating him as a on-resident, sued out attachments against

When these attachments came up for hearing Mr. Vance moved to quash them because he was not a non-resident under the law. Judge John W. Mason, who was sitting as special judge at Clarksburg, held that a soldier in the volunteer army, though out of the State, was not a non-resident, and quashed the attachments. An appeal was taken from his decision to the tained Judge Mason's decision.

### HANGED IN EFFIGY.

Resentful Sentiment of Women in Mining Regions,

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Nov. 23.-Women sympathizers of the Nanticoke strikers manifested their interest yesterday by hanging one mine official in effigy and by burning the effigy of another. Aside from these acts and a disposition to blow horns they did nothing tending to create disor der. Nanticoke awoke to find a stuffed figure representing William Thomas, a min boss, hanging from a lamp post. At Glen Lyon an effigy of Lewis Bush, a fireman, who refused to quit work, was burned.

Sheriff Harvey and his deputies were about the mines all day. The sheriff in-formed the strikers that while his sympathies were with them he would to his duty if there were any attempts at rioting. The chief feature of yesterday's situation was a conference between the committee representing the strikers and General Superintendent Williams. There is now every prospect of an agreement being reached between the company and the min-

### PROPERTY EXCHANGES AT YALE

ormer President Dwight Donates His Historic Home.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 23.-What i expected to settle the long debated question of the location of the new million dollar Yale Alumni Hall, was made public oday in the announcement by former President Thimony Dwight, of Yale Uni versity, that he had made the university practically a gift of his historic residence on the corner of College and Wall Streets The site is the Dwight home and has been for many years known as the official resi dence of the president of the university The lot is eighty feet long on College Street and 150 feet on Wall Street. It is

exactly midway between the academic and the scientific campus.

The university has in return for his resience, made former President Dwight gift of the mansion on Hill House Avenue which for years has been occupied by Mrs. Cady's boarding school for girls. The prop-erty was given to Yale several years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stevens, of Ne ork city. This will be the future hom

of Dr. Dwight and his family. Apprentice Boys Favor a Strike. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.-Fifty-four pprentice boys were added to the num ber of strikers from the Cramp shipyards yesterday. Nineteen boys who have been doing work as riveters and thirty-five rivet heaters made up the accession. The riveters asked Tuesday for increased pay and the heaters yesterday morning demand-ed a nine-hour day with pay for ten hours. Both demands were refused. It is expected that a general strike will be ordered at the

Southern Rallway Changes Schedule Effective November 19, Southern Railway in No. 21 will leave Washington 9:50 P. M stead of 9:20 P. M., as formerly. Best Boards today \$1.45

per 100 feet-still the lowest. F. Libbey

# WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1899.

OTIS' ORDERS SET ASIDE

Chinese Minister. The General Commanding in the Philippines Instructed Not to Go Outside the Limits of the Chinese

Exclusion Act in Debarring Sub-

jects of the Empire From Luzon

Action Taken on a Protest from the

On the complaint of Wu Ting Fang, the to go outside the limitations of the Chinese Exclusion act in the exclusion of Chinese subjects from the Philippines.

This is the second formal communica tion of the kind filed by the minister, who, of course laid it before the State Department and not before the War Department. The first was in the nature of a protest against an order issued by General Otis against the admission of Chinese into the Philippines.

In response to an enquiry from the War among the Chinese in Manila, it was necessary to prevent any more from entering the capital. The Government decided that this was purely a military matter and that General Otis was clearly within his rights in excluding from the territory within his jurisdiction, persons who were dangerou to the maintenance of good order in that

The second complaint of Mr. Wu Ting Fang was that General Otis had applied the embargo to Chinese merchants and oth-ers who are excepted from the provisions of the Chinese exclusion act, permitting only hose Chinese to enter who had previously

resided in the Philippines.

He required those in the excepted class o show certificates and photographs of themselves to establish the fact of previous residence, but subsequently revoked the or-der in regard to photographs. After con-sidering the second complaint, the Administration came to the conclusion that the exclusion of merchants was beyond the nuthority of General Otis and directed him to rescind the order to that effect.

#### THE OPERATIONS IN LUZON. SacArthur Establishing Civil Gov

ernment in Small Towns. MANILA, Nov. 23.-4:55 p. m.-Commuication with General MacArthur has been copened after a day's break. He has on cupied several small towns south of Dagupan, where he is establishing civil govern-

Lieutenant Colonel Howze's six companies of the Thirty-fourth Volunteer Infanry occupy Dagupan.

General Lawton's infantry is closing in The Signal Corps men are trying to push a wire from Dagupan to San Fabian to connect with General Wheaton. They are ilso building a wire to Tayug to connect with General Lawton

General Wheeler has started on a re-connoissance north of Angeles. The transports Tartar and Newport have rrived. All on board are well.

#### RE-ENFORCING THE CASTINE. sailors Sent to Join the Forces at Zambonnga.

The Navy Department received a tele gram this morning reporting the departare of the gunboat Bennington yesterday from Cavite for Zamboanga, the capital of the island of Mindanao. She carries re enforcements for Commander Very, of the Castine, who landed a force there the other day, drove out the insurgents, and took possession of the town. Troops have been ordered to Zamboanga

# THE WRECKED CHARLESTON.

merged Cruiser. Little hope is entertained by the Navy Department of saving the protected cruiser Charleston, which was wrecked on an incharted reef November 2. No report has been received from the Calgoa, which went

out to try and save the vessel. The Navy Department today received the following cablegram from Commander Leutze, commandant of the naval station at Cavite:

Cavite, November 23, 1899. Secretary Navy, Washington:
Charleston wrecked November 2. Last seen November 13, under water from stern to smoke-stack. Three unsuccessful attempts to get near her; heavy typhoon since; expect Calgoa with later news. Officers and crew all safe and well.

LEUTZE.

### MOVEMENTS OF TRANSPORTS. The George W. Elder Arrives at San

Francisco. The War Department was notified by General Shafter today of the arrival of the transport George W. Elder at San the Police Court this morning to a charge Francisco, and that the Victoria left for Manila with the following passengers Capt. James S. Michael, Clerk C. A. Warwick, one hospital attendant, one veteri nary surgeon, one trainmaster, five blacksmiths, forty teamsters, and ten packers. The following supplies are also on board:
One hundred and forty-nine tons of oats,
17 tons of bran, 227 tons of hay, 222 mules,
182 horses, 10,000 pounds of mule and
horse shoes, 750 pounds of borse shoe
nails, 50 wagons, three sets of furriers' ools three sets of blacksmiths' tools, on set of wheelwright's tools, and 112 boxes

#### ANNIE FURMAGE'S FUNERAL. ervices at the House and Burial at Glenwood.

The funeral of Annie M. Furmage, the chool teacher who committed suicide vesterday at the home of her brother, 1403 Sixth Street northwest, by inhaling illuninating gas, took place from that house this afternoon.

The services were conducted by the Rev. C. B. Ramsdell, of the North Presbyterian Church. The interment was at Glenw Cemetery. The funeral was private, only nediate relatives of the suicide and few friends of the family attending. A Check for Brave Firemen The International Navigation Compan

### oday sent a check for \$50 to the Fire De partment for the use of the firemen, as a recognition of the services of the latter during the fire in the company's offices at 1306 F Street northwest Sunday.

Frank Wannamaker Held. Frank F. Wannamaker, alias W. C. Rice on suspicion, was held unde \$2,000 bail for the action of the grand jury

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return via B & O. Saturday and Sunday, vember 25 and 26, good for return until fol-ring Monday. Tickets good on all trains ex-et Royal Limited.

Foot-wide Boards today \$1.75. hers ask more-we the lowest. 6th and N. Y. av.

## PREPARATIONS IN PATERSON.

Citizens Arrange for the Obsequies PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 23 .- A meeting

was held last night of the joint committees representing the citizens, business men, secret, political, and social organizations to perfect arrangements for the funera of the late Vice President Hobart on Saturday. There were forty-three representatives present. One of the questions dis ussed was the accommodation for visitors. Attorney General Griggs informed the committee that he would look after the President and his Cabinet. Two hundred regular army soldiers will be here, and the board of aldermen has declared its in-

Chinese Minister, Major General Otis has been instructed by the War Department not to go outside the limitations of the Chi-Mallon headed the subscription, and in a few minutes \$150 was raised. This wil te increased and will also be used for inci-dental expenses which the visitors may incur. An entertainment committee was appointed with Mayor Hincheliffe as chair-man. The duty of this committee will be to meet all viettors at the several depois and see that they are transferred to Carroll Hall.

Carriages will be in readiness for the Presidential party and the Cabinet and as soon as they arrive will be conducted to In response to an enquiry from the War Attorney General Griggs' residence. Chief Department General Otis explained that, of Police Graul has obtained several outowing to the danger of a factional riot of-town detectives, who, with his own metals of the police of the control o will guard the residence of the Hobart family tome trow afternoon while the body lies in state. On the outside a cordon of police will keep the crowds in order. The mills will close down tomorrow to give the employes a chance to attend the obacquies.

The President, Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, Representatives in Congress, and other officers of the Government will leave Washington Saturday morning at 7 o'clock for Paterson, N. J., to attend

Richard J. Bright, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, has practically completed ar-rangements for the funeral so far as the Somate is concerned, and Alexander Mc-Dowell, Clerk of the House of Representa-tives, has performed a similar office for that branch of Congress.

Colonel Bright will leave Washington for Colonel Bright will leave wannington loo Paterson today to confer with the personal representatives of Mrs. Hobart. The Sena-torial delegation will meet at New York and will join the Presidential party at Jer-sey City, proceeding thence to Paterson. Each member of the Senate will wear the mourning symbols prescribed by the usages of that body-a white sath sash and ro-

On the day of the funeral flags at all American army posts and naval stations will be lowered to half-mast. On the day of the funeral all Federal buildings at Washington will be closed. The work of renovation proceeding at the Capitol will be suspended. Every postoffice in the United States will be closed from 2 to 4 o'clock and every customs house and in-ternal revenue office will be closed. The Postmster General issued the follow-

ng order to all postmasters today:
"In honor of the distinguished public services of Vice President Hobart, and in espect for his revered memory, postmaers throughout the United States are diters inroughout the United States are the received to close their respective offices between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m. on Saturday, November 25, the day of the funeral."

The Secretary of War, through the Adjutant General of the Army, issued an order today to every department commander in the army; to General Citis in the Phil-ippines, General Brooks in Cuba, and Gen-eral Davis in Porto Rico, that all American igns shall be maintaine" at half-mast

on Saturday.

The Secretary of the Navy issued a similar order to the commanding officers of all American naval stations at home and

#### FUNK'S TRIAL FOR MURDER. flicials at Work Preparing the Gov. ernment's Case.

Thomas C. Taylor, one of the assistant District attorneys, and Harvey Given, chief clerk to the District Attorney, were busy today getting the Funk murder case ready for trial on Monday.

Frank Funk is held for the murder of William Brooks, whom, it is alleged, he killed and robbed of about \$1,800 on June The accused will be defended by D. W.

#### Baker and Newton C. Price. DRUGGIST SMITH'S CASE.

Hearing Tuesday on His Alleged Violation.

The case against William L. Smith, the olored druggist who was arrested yesterday evening on a charge of having violated the law governing the sale of poisons in the District, was today set for a hearing Tues-

The authorities had intended to give Smith a hearing today, but at the reque of his counsel the continuance was granted.

### STOLE A CHICKEN COOP

n Alleged Former Representativ

Samuel Lee, colored, said to be a former nember of the House of Representatives, from South Carolina, was the defendant of stealing an empty chicken coop.

Lee was arraigned several days ago on the same charge, which is made by Wil-liam H. Haislip, a commission merchant. The character of the alleged theft created the opinion that Lee's mind was unbalneed, and when that opinion was sub-stantiated by the statements of friends of the accused, Judge Scott ordered him to e held for an examination as to his sanity. The examination, it is said, revealed th act that Lee was sane, and he was brought

o the charge.

Friends interceded in behalf of Lee, and formed the court that he is a klepto maniac, and becomes periodically insane. Assistant District Attorney Mullowny was of the same opinion, and so informed Judge Scott. Robert L. Scott, a member of the present jury panel, guaranteed to send Lee out of the city, and to keep him from returning. In view of that statement, Lee was released from custody on his personal

Minors Elope and Are Wedded. CHICAGO, Nov. 23.-Mabel Matthews, ifteen-year-old girl, and Charles Glover nineteen years old, first cousins, elope resterday and were married by Justice Hall. The girl wore short dresses but emold. The parents of the pair are nant at the justice. Both families o the marriage on account of the kinshir and their youth. The pair did not return to their homes and the police are now try-

Rank President McManes Dead. PHILADELPHIA Pa., Nov. 23 .- Jame McManes, the well-known bank president and political leader, died at 4 o'clock this morning at his home, No. 2015 Spring Gar-den Street, in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Re- \$1.25 turn via Penusylvania Railroad. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26, good to return until Monday, November 27. All trains except Congressional Limited.

Flooring, dressed 2 sides only \$1.75 per 100 feet-N. C. pine, kiln dried. F. Libbey

#### GOEBEL MAY APPEAL. Kentucky State Board to Settle

Rear-End Collision on the B. & O. at Cumberland.

Fireman Louis Massey Killed, Englneer George R. Kindle Fatally Hurt, and Several Passengers Injured-Scenes of Heroism in Rescuing Those Under Burning Cars.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 23 .- The New York express on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was wrecked here about 3 o'clock this morning. A fireman was killed and half a dozen passengers injured. Agonizing scenes followed the accident. The fireman killed was scalded to death by the steam escaping from the wrecked locomo-

The Pullman sleeper was set on fire, and the passengers confined there had thrilling experiences. The disaster was the result of a rear-end collision. An oyster train running fifty miles an hour plunged into the express. It smashed several cars to flinders and derailed others. The locomotive of the first train was reduced to a mans of twisted and torn scrap tron and the coals from beneath its boiler set the wreck on

Two of the train men were pinned in the Two of the train men were pinned in the wreck near the shattered engine. The steam and hot water from the broken steam pipes played on them, and they were slowly roasted to death before anything could be done to save them. Their cries of anguish before death relieved them were horrible. The engineer proved himself a hero. The passengers were asleep in their berths when the wreck occurred, and those in the rear sleeper were pinned in the overturned coach when it took fire. in the overturned coach when it took fire The trainmen worked like heroes to save the passengers. The express engineer and others risked their lives to get them from the burning cars. All were taken out

Engineer George R. Kindle, of Baltimore, and Fireman Louis Massey, of Baltimore, and Fireman Louis Massey, of Baltimore, of the oyster train, were thrown from the debris, but within range of the scalding steam. Nearly all of Massey's flesh peeled off from head to foot and he died in a short time at the Western Maryland Hospital. Kindle was taken from the wreck with a crushed breast and badly scalded He revived and conversed freely, but after being removed to the hospital collapsed

and will probably die. The injured are: Matthew J. Fo-gerty, Corresponding Secretary of the Uniform Company, of New York, foot hurt: John Robinson both legs bruised and arms hurt; Frank Wilson, New York, sprained ankle and wrists; Oscar Hessler, Pitisburg, face cut; C. W. Riggina, postal clerk, cut on ear and body: J. B. Searle, Pullman porter, Philadelphia, cut on head and face by flying glass. Baggagemaster Mitchell, of the regular train, was hurled

lear out of his car. Several others were slightly bruised and chaken up by flying glass, which caused a number of cuts. The Pullman passengers, including two women, were all thrown from their berths. Mr. Fogerty, of New York, who helped to release Kindle, said the engineer's bravery and presence of aind in checking his train running at the rate of fifty miles an hour saved the entire train from being telescoped. Kindle could have jumped but he stuck to his post. The rear Pullman, 'The Uriel,' was entirely burned. Engineer Kindle as he lay on his stretcher on the Queen City porch was isked why he did not jump, he sald: had I jumped, all ahead of me might have been killed and the train in front would certainly have been telescoped. I put on air and let loose the sand, this softened the iar." His heroism and the show of solici-tude for the fireman, Massey, elicited great

### AN ATTACK ON SALOONS.

Saptist Church Delegates Condemi

the Liquor Traffic. The session of the Columbian Associaion of the Baptist Churches was continued today in the First Baptist Church. The most important action of the day was the adoption of a report presented by the committee on the suppression of the linuor traffic. The report was read by A. L. Swartwout, the chairman. The report stated that this city annually receives \$200,000 from liquor licenses, but the estimate was made that the sum of fully \$2. 000,000 is annually taken here by the sa-loon keepers. The progress of the church and religious societies war on the saloons was described in the report, and a num per of recommendations for continuing the

THE REFORM SCHOOL President Cecil Clay Makes His An-

nual Report. The annual report of the board of trustees of the Reform School was submitted to the Commissioners this morning. The president of the board, Col, Cecil Clay, in the report says that repairs were made to the various outbuildings and dormitories of the school during the year, in all of which the boys have been used as much as possi-

In addition to the usual repairs, the piggery which was almost totally destroye fire, has been completely rebuilt, and the interior of the building has been painted, all of which has been done without outside

assistance. The appropriation for the maintenance of the buildings and the inmates last year was \$46,785.88, of which \$46,142.73 was expended leaving a balance on hand of

The boys in the institution earned \$3,653.30 from the products of the farm.

In submitting the report the statement in egard to the condition of the inmates has en omitted, and the Commissioners have transmit this matter to them as soon a

### MRS. MARGARET D. VINEY DEAD

Washington Resident Who Was Nearly One Hundred Years Old. Mrs. Margaret D. Viney died last night n the one hundredth year of her age at No. 1135 Sixth Street southwest. Mrs. Viney was born in the north of Ireland of Scotol ancestry, and her maiden name was Davis She came to America when a young woman and lived in Philadelphia until 1860. Until a few weeks ago Mrs. Viney read without glasses and had the full use of her

A Forest Park Project. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 23 .- A move ent was started at the Southern Nationa Park Convention here yesterday for the establishment of a national park in the forests and mountains of western North Carolina. An association was formed to be known as Appalachian National Park Association with headquarters here. The convention was addressed by Senator Ma-cion Butler, Representatives W. T. Crawford, and others.

Winter Excursion Rates.

faculties.

Southern Bailway announces that it will sel round-trip tickets at very low rates to principa Florida resorts, South Carolina, Georgia, and Plastering Laths all kinds.

where the contests should go, and that the State courts are open for such complaints. I have never thought that we had the pow-er to exclude the vote of the city, but I do want the State board to know how the

the Election Contest.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 23.—The Jeffer

son county board of election commission-

ers met this morning to hear arguments on

the motion of the Goebel attorneys to

throw out the entire vote of Louisville

which gave Taylor the plurality of 3,224,

n account of the presence of the militia

Commissioner Caruth said today: "I

have always held the position that this

board was nothing but a counting machine I also say the State board is the place

at the polls on election day. Affidavits are

being read by both sides.

election was conducted here. Further-more, I want to hear the Democratic coun-sel for my own information." This means that the State board will have to settle the contest. As Judge Pryor chairman of the State board, has held that that body is also a mere counting machine Goebel will probably appeal to the legis

lature.

Senator Blackburn today in an authorized statement flatly refused to make the race for Congress in the Ashland district caused by the death of Representative Evan E. Settle. Col. W. C. P. Breckin-ridge, has been turned down by the Repub-licans in the Ashland district race. In this race the Republicans refused to units on a gold Democratic candidate, and will put a straight Republican nominee in the field. This will insure the election of a

#### GRATITUDE OF THE ADMIRAL. Dewey's Thanks for Widespread Ex-

pressions of Sympathy. Admiral Dewey's secretary furnishes the

following for publication: Admiral Dewey is receiving many Admiral becays is receiving many attendents of the country, expressing their sympathy for him in the recent attack upon him and assuring him that he is not without defenders. The Admiral is unable to respond personally to the writers of these letters and relegrants but deeply appre-ciates their kind consideration."

### SENATOR JONES ARRIVES.

Begin the Organization of Demoeratic Forces.

Senator James K. Jones, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, arrived in Washington today. He went immediately to his residence, 915 M Street
morthwest, where he will remain during rived in Washington today. He went imthe session of Congress. It is stated that Senator Jones will immediately commence the organization of the Democratic forces in the coming ses-sion of Congress.

GOING SOUTH FOR FACTS. An Industrial Commission Committee Selected. A subcommittee of the Industrial Com-

nission will leave Washington in a few

days to enquire into the agricultural interests of the South. In a circular issued by the Commission today, it is stated that the subject of trusts will be ignored by the committee while in fixed the cost of the work approximately the South. Evidence will be taken at At-

### ccupy several weeks. THE DISTRICT MARSHAL SUED.

amuel Augenstein Secks \$5,000 for a Seizure of Goods. Samuel W. Augenstein, through his attorney, Leon Tobriner, today filed the papers in a suit against Aulick Palmer, United States Marshal for the District of Columbia, in his private capacity, to recover \$5,000, claimed as damages for the alleged

unlawful seizure of goods belonging to the plaintiff. It is explained in the document filed that on October 30 last, and for some time prior thereto, Angenstein was engaged in the conduct of an auction business. In his storehouse Augenstein had stored a quantity of merchandise for sale, and considerable private property. The plaintiff states that on the date mentioned the de-fendant, through his agents, despite the opposition of the plaintiff, took possession of a large quantity of Augenstein's goods and held them until November 9, prevent-ing the plaintiff from carrying on his busi-ness. The plaintiff alleges also that the goods so held by the defendant Palmer damaged, and depreciated in value

## SERGEANT CLEGG BURIED.

His Remains Interred in the Con-James Clegg, the aged sergeant of marines, who dropped dead Tuesday, was today buried with military honors in Congressional Cemetery. The funeral services took place this afternoon at Lee's under taking establishment, 322 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest. Rev. A. S. Johns, of Christ Episcopal Church, officiated. In honor of the dead marine Colone Harrington ordered a company of marine

## and a band to attend the funeral. Six ergeants of marines acted as pallbearers

SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY. wo Colored Men Convicted in

Criminal Court Today. George Brown, colored, was convicted of second offence of petit larceny today in Criminal Court No. 1, and was sentenced by Justice Clabaugh to imprisonment for three years in the penitentiary at Mounds-ville, W. Va.

George Hendricks, also colored, who was convicted of receiving money under false pretences, was sentenced to imprisonment for one year and a day in the same insti-

### TARGET PRACTICE STOPPED Action Following the Complaints of

Arcturus Property Owners. The Secretary of War has written a leter to Capt. W. H. Snowden, of Arcturus, Va., stating that an order has been issued discontinuing the target practice at Fort

The soldiers at Fort Foote some days

ago indulged in target practice with heavy

shells, which went wide of the mark, ex-ploding and doing much damage to the property of the farmers whose homes were in line with the target. Complaints by property owners followed and the Secretary of War, after considering them, de-cided to discontinue the target practice. Removed a Telephone Operator. On the recommendation of Walter C. Alen, Electrical Engineer of the District, the

ger from the position of telephone opera-tor in the telephone and telegraph service of the District. forfolk & Washington Steamboat Co Delightful autumn trips daily at 6:30 p. m. to Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. For schedule, see page 7.

Commissioners today removed Ossie Klin-

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# ISTUMIAN CANAL WORK

Progress of the Engineer Forces in Central America.

he Commission's Report Not Likely to He Submitted Before Next Summer-Efforts to Make a Complete Comparative Survey of the Rival Routes-Mearagua May He Favored

The Isthmian Canal Commission may neither render a report to the President this winter nor ask an appropriation frem Congress. It is the belief of the Commission that its report will not be ready for transmission to the President before next summer, and its members hope that the sum of \$1,000,000, appropriated at the last session of Congress, will be sufficient for the comparative surveys of suggested

routes for the interoceanic canal. The Commission has at present about 500 nen working in Central America. The force comprises engineers, hydrographers, laborers, boatmen, etc. These men are apportioned between the three divisions of the work, that which is in progress in Nicaragua, that which is under way along the Panama route, and the Darien explo-

ation outfit.

Regular reports are not made to the headquarters of the Commission by the engineer in charge of each division be-cause of the difficulties in the way of col-lecting the requisite data. The engineer n chief, in charge of the work of the division of Nicaragua, would find it practi-cally impossible to get prompt and accu-rate returns from the field parties, many of which are just now scattered through the busic. Means of communication by mail or telegraph are defective, and there are other obstacles to the systematic col-lection of data at regular intervals. Despite this trouble, however, the Commis-sion at Washington is in reasonably close touch with the parties that are in the field, and is quite well informed as to the

progress of the work. The survey that is being made in Nica-ragua is an extension of that which was done under the Nicaragua Canal Com-mission, which advised the feasibility of pended millions of dollars in perfecting a very elaborate survey of that route and country through which it passes, and the act of Congress creating the Isthmian Canal Commission directed that there should be a comparison between the Nicaragua and the Panama routes. This comparison could not be approximately perfect unless the surveys of each route were equally

The report of the Nicaragua Canal Com-mission has not been printed, though its centents inadvertently became public through the press. That report set forth that in the construction of the interoceanic cannot there existed no engineering difficulty which could not be readily overcome. It the South. Evidence will be taken at Atlanta. Jacksonville, Birmingham, and in the building. Several of the members of several other cities. The investigation will occupy several weeks. periority of the route which lay through Nicaragua. Congress did not order the printing of the report, and it is believed that it will pever officially appear in pub-

Among those who are close to the Isth-mian Canal Commission it is the belief that the comparative surveys will emphatically demonstrate the superiority of the Nicara-gua route, and that the canal will be built through that country.

AN ALLEGED INCENDIARY. rrest of a Youth Charged With Burning Many Houses. SALAMANCA, N. Y., Nov. 23.-For a year and a half this village has been worked up, owing to the presence of an incenbetween thirty and forty fires during that time, some of which have destroyed property valued in the thousands. So frequent and disastrous have these fires been as to cause the offering of a heavy reward by

the insurance agencies doing business here. This offer of reward failing to bring results, the insurance companies threatened to withdraw from the town.

The president of the village, A. D. Bell, sought the aid of a detective agency who detailed Detective King Foster upon the case Foster came here about seven weeks ago and last night entered charges of arago and has high cheered analysis with an son in the first degree against William Mueller, the eighteen-year-old son of Jacob V. Mueller, a merchant tailor, who has been in business here for twenty years. The elder Mueller is a respected citizen, and this is the first crime with which the boy has been charged, although he has ben classed among those of his age who have traveled a rapid pare. Detective Foster, in the capacity of a street laborer, and later as bartender at a small hotel in the village, made himself popular with the crowd of which young Muller was a mem-ber, gained the boy's confidence, and last night swore that himself and young Muel-ler went to the residence of A. J. Mooney, and that Mueller set fire to the rear of the building. Corroborating depositions were made by Theodore A. Benson and George H. Elliott, members of the village board, who had been called into the case by the detectives and who had been stationed in positions to witness the approach to and withdrawal of the boy from the scene of his work. The prisoner was detected in his work last night and was arrested at

12:50 this morning.

Woman Killed by a Train. ELLICOTT CITY, Md., Nov. 23.-An exra freight train passing west over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ran over and killed an unknown colored woman last evening at 6 o'clock opposite Ilchester Station. The body was cut in two without being otherwise mutilated. The woman was apparently about fifty years old, and the indications were that she had been riding on the train, and had fallen off under the wheels. After an investigation Jus ce J. F. Melvin, acting coroner, declined hold an inquest, and gave directions to hold an inquest, and gave directions for the burial of the remains. Chief of Po-lice Vansant, who was also called to the cene, thinks the woman was a nurse who

elonged in the neighborhood of Pohick. Appointed by the President. The President made the following appointments today: Assistant surgeons United States Marine Service, Robert L. Wilson, Clarence W. Wille, Elmer R. Edson, John W. Amesse; Commander Robert E. Impey, promoted to captain; Lieut. Commander Newton E. Mason, to be a

commander. Fire in Offices of International Navi.

In consequence of the fire which occurred at the office building of the International Navigation Company (American and Red Star Lines), 1306 F Street northwest, the offices of said company are temporarily re-moved next door, to 1308 F Street northwest, where the company will continue

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